



Tennessee Crop Weather

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For the Week Ending September 14, 2014

CORN, SOYBEAN HARVEST CONTINUES, THEN STALLED BY RAIN

Producers continued their harvest of corn, early soybeans, and milo but rain hindered progress late in the week. Though reminiscent of the wet weather that slowed plantings, these rains benefitted late soybeans and pasture. As of September 1, record corn yield and production for the State was forecast. There were reports of armyworms in Bermuda grass and disease in tobacco. Rains slowed hay harvest and there are quality concerns. There were 4.5 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture levels were rated 1 percent very short, 14 percent short, 77 percent adequate and 8 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were rated 2 percent very short, 18 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2013	Five Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					Percent					
Corn - Dented	96	91	97	99	Corn	0	3	15	52	30
Corn – Mature	67	42	63	79	Cotton	1	5	24	56	14
Corn – Harvested	20	8	19	45	Soybeans	1	3	17	58	21
Cotton – Bolls Opening	49	35	14	53	Tobacco	1	3	28	58	10
Cotton - Harvested	-	-	-	2	Pasture	1	10	30	51	8
Soybeans –Dropping Leaves	30	13	15	34						
Soybeans - Harvested	3	-	3	3						
Tobacco - Cut	56	34	61	61						

County Agent Comments

Corn harvest has begun. Early group 3 soybeans are being harvested. All crops continue to progress toward maturity and harvest.
Tim Campbell, Dyer County

The farmers in Fayette County started the week off full blast harvesting milo and corn. Some started on some earlier beans. Rain moved in Thursday and there were reports of 2-8 inches. The rain where we did not have flooding was good for the later beans, bad, if you will, for corn harvest. Lines are already forming and trucks have to wait at drop off locations. Corn yields that I have heard about have been good. When it dries up, farmers will be back at it-harvest wise. Cotton defoliation may start by the end of next week.
Jeff Via, Fayette County

The bad is that rains 6+ inches put a halt to all farming activities as County producers were ramping up harvest. The good is that it was beneficial to late soybeans and vegetable crops, and it helped pastures recuperate from the heavy armyworm infestation.
Walter Battle, Haywood County

Combines and grain trucks were rolling until stopped by rain on Thursday morning. Excellent yields in the 200 bushel range are being reported. Producers were also busy seeding cover crops, pastures and forage crops. Rainfall of varying amounts was reported county-wide ranging from .25" up to and over 1 inch.
Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

Pastures are beginning to dry out. Corn harvest is underway.
Kevin Rose, Giles County

We didn't get any rain but cloudy conditions slowed everything down. We are dry in a lot of the county.
Larry Moorehead, Moore County

The wet weather is causing problems for tobacco growers as hollow stalk and angular leaf spot are taking their toll on plants still in the field. Fall hay cutting has also been delayed and quality is declining.
Chris Hicks, Smith County

Corn harvest is underway in the county with very good yields reported. Soybeans are reaching maturity with some early beans drying down. Cotton is setting bolls with open bolls in lower canopy in some fields. Pastures are looking good and cattle are in good condition.
J.C. Dupree, Lauderdale County

Corn harvest has started and going slow with high yields.

Jake Mallard, Madison County

No rain and low humidity made for an excellent week of harvest. Corn harvest is in full swing with about 30% of the crop harvested. Yields are phenomenal with field averages of over 200 bushels to the acre being commonly reported and yields around the 250 mark not uncommon. A few beans have been harvested with yields in the 60 bushel range, about 5% of the crop is defoliated, the bulk of the full season beans are dropping leaves, and double crop beans are blooming and setting pods. Pastures continue to look good, and most producers are harvesting a third cutting of hay.

Ed Burns, Franklin County

Our farmers had a bit of a chance to harvest their corn last week, but again a few showers mid-week and some over the weekend cut short an otherwise productive week. About 35-40% of the soybeans in the county are either turning or dropping leaves with a some acreage already harvested. This week it appears that we will get to enjoy temperatures no higher than 87 degrees, but have to accept some rain early on. Fortunately, the rest of the week has a good chance to dry off. That being said, hopefully our farmers can stay in the field to get these crops up before the prices drop any further.

Marion Matthew Deist, Marion County

Corn silage harvest is all but over. Most soybeans are looking good with the exception of double-crop beans that were behind a late wheat harvest. Second-cutting hay harvest still making good progress.

John Wilson, Blount County

Rain late this week has helped improve soil moisture.

Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County

This seems to be the time of year when things are in the wait mode. Row croppers are just waiting until time to harvest but expecting a good yield. Tobacco harvest is continuing with some late tobacco just topped. Fall hay harvest is continuing. There was some fall armyworm damage in bermudagrass reported.

Ruth Correll, Wilson County

Spotty showers all week so no field work. Still have hay standing that desperately needs cutting.

John Goddard, Loudon County

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION

For week ending: September 14, 2014 (with comparisons)

LOCATION	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION					
	Week Ending September 14, 2014				Current Week 09/14/14	Rain Days	Current Since January 1	Departure From Normal January 1	Current Since April 1	Departure From Normal April 1
	HI	LO	AVG	DFN						
West										
Ames_Plantation	92	53	71	-3	1.72	2	52.32	12.94	37.73	12.85
Bolivar_Wtr_Wks	91	52	70	-4	1.08	2	46.87	8.18	30.95	6.62
Brownsville	91	53	71	-4	2.95	2	51.56	14.62	37.45	14.32
Covington_3SW	89	52	69	-5	4.09	2	44.37	7.19	32.29	9.00
Dresden	87	50	68	-5	0.82	3	41.02	1.68	28.64	2.96
Dyersburg_AP	91	52	71	-4	2.45	2	33.23	-2.05	24.80	2.19
Henderson_4W	88	52	69	-5	1.65	3	54.66	15.78	36.56	11.56
Huntingdon_Wate	89	51	71	1	0.70	2	51.56	13.40	38.68	14.56
Jackson_Exp_Stn	90	53	71	-3	2.25	3	50.68	12.44	36.39	12.03
Lexington_Ag	88	52	70	-5	0.86	2	43.32	6.92	30.37	7.31
Memphis_WFO	94	56	73	-2	4.88	2	45.06	8.34	30.54	7.31
Milan_Exp_Stn	89	50	70	-1	1.11	2	40.38	2.32	26.83	2.55
Paris_2SE	88	50	69	-4	0.51	2	37.64	-0.60	23.48	-0.82
Selmer	93	53	72	-2	0.38	2	46.23	6.10	33.06	8.25
Union_City_AP	90	48	67	-5	1.44	2	32.07	-4.22	24.00	0.41
Middle										
Bethpage_1S	86	51	69	-4	0.22	2	34.59	-2.91	21.99	-1.59
Carthage	88	53	71	-2	0.00	0	36.09	-2.44	24.30	-0.10
Centerville_4NE	84	52	70	-3	0.23	1	42.33	3.82	29.81	5.61
Cheatham_L_D	88	50	70	-2	0.05	1	35.06	-1.38	23.87	1.12
Clarksville_AP	86	48	70	-3	0.18	2	25.75	-11.03	15.90	-7.17
Coalmont	83	53	71	2	0.02	1	43.14	-1.93	30.76	3.65
Columbia_3WNW	88	52	71	0	0.00	0	43.57	3.43	30.83	5.95
Cookeville	86	56	71	1	0.28	3	35.29	-5.93	23.38	-2.22
Crossville_AP	90	56	73	5	0.20	2	33.47	-8.01	24.64	-1.29
Dover_1W	85	50	69	-3	0.45	2	32.26	-4.23	18.26	-4.66
Fayetteville_Wt	89	55	75	4	0.02	1	38.23	-1.10	28.16	4.79
Hohenwald	88	50	70	-3	0.03	2	47.42	6.10	34.13	8.56
Jamestown	82	55	70	2	0.52	3	42.48	1.72	30.64	4.18
Kingston_Spring	90	51	71	1	0.09	3	32.96	-3.92	21.72	-1.38
Lobelville	88	50	70	-3	0.32	1	47.75	7.36	34.51	9.38
Monteagle	81	58	72	3	0.05	3	45.15	0.26	32.41	5.48
Murfreesboro_5N	89	52	71	0	0.02	1	39.99	1.21	28.09	3.70
Nashville_Metro	90	53	73	1	0.02	1	35.58	1.18	23.52	1.65
Shelbyville_Wtr	90	57	74	2	0.00	0	30.34	-6.92	18.84	-3.61
Sparta_WWTP	86	55	73	2	0.56	1	47.64	7.13	34.10	9.13
Springfield_Exp	88	50	70	-2	0.04	2	37.01	0.54	23.46	0.11
Tennessee_Ridge	88	50	69	-2	0.18	2	33.22	-7.11	20.83	-4.64
Thompson_Statio	89	54	73	1	0.04	2	43.66	3.60	31.59	7.27
Wartrace_6E	82	55	70	-2	0.34	1	33.09	-9.29	21.23	-4.05
Waynesboro_Ag	89	51	72	0	0.02	1	41.36	-1.81	28.94	2.02
East										
Athens	88	61	76	5	0.23	4	42.52	0.77	31.46	7.03
Chattanooga_Lov	91	65	79	6	0.58	4	30.22	-9.08	20.21	-2.65
Gatlinburg_2SW	81	59	70	3	0.88	4	39.52	-3.66	27.94	-0.55
Greeneville_Exp	88	58	74	7	1.18	4	27.81	-5.83	19.59	-2.85
Kingston_Ag	87	59	75	5	0.09	1	39.01	-4.64	27.73	0.67
Knoxville_AP	89	59	76	4	0.04	2	29.75	-5.72	19.48	-2.24
Lenior_City	87	59	74	1	0.70	3	33.90	-4.78	23.12	-0.07
Morristown_Radi	88	56	74	3	1.34	3	36.67	1.83	25.76	3.71
Oak_Ridge	87	61	76	5	1.36	2	39.60	0.15	27.93	3.51
Roan_Mtn_2SE	79	55	67	6	1.29	4	29.92	-6.97	21.28	-2.70
Rogersville_1NE	84	56	71	2	0.93	3	35.04	2.15	25.05	3.95
Townsend_5S	80	58	70	3	1.10	5	36.80	-6.56	25.73	-2.94
Tri-City_RGNL_A	86	59	74	6	0.42	3	26.05	-4.91	18.72	-1.41

DFN = Departure from Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period). Rain Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more during the week.
Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) measured in inches.